

Meeting Minutes
Economic Development Committee
February 2, 2023, 3:30 PM
7 Richmond Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Derrick Abney
Mario Rodriguez

Members Absent:

Nick Augustine

Staff Present:

Doug Lewis
Tony Zampedro
Susan Crotty

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. A quorum of the committee members was present.

- I. **Meeting Minutes.** The Minutes of the August 4, 2022 meeting of the Committee were presented. Mr. Abney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- II. **CDBG, ARPA Grants for Small Businesses - Update.** Ms. Crotty updated members on grants awarded to 14 businesses for building improvement projects from a total of \$65,000 in CDBG funding from the Lake County Commissioners and a total of \$220,000 available as a result of the City receiving ARPA funding. She informed members that the HOLA community center, Bella Donna Salon, and Federico Tire projects have been completed. Other projects are in various stages of completion, and she is working with property owners to ensure they are securing necessary approvals and moving forward. She met with representatives of the Lake County Planning and Community Development department, and has requested an extension until May 31, 2023 to allow more time to complete projects and finish the necessary paperwork for CDBG grants.
- III. **John F. Clair Award.** Nominations for eight (8) outstanding businesses/organizations were received. The committee reviewed nominations for the John F. Clair Award. Mr. Abney moved to select Bella Donna Salon as this year's award recipient; Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- IV. **Executive Session.** Mr. Abney made a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC. 121.22(8); Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the Committee moved into executive session at 3:56 p.m. in accordance with ORC. 121.22(8).

Mr. Abney moved to end the Executive Session; Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Committee ended its Executive Session and returned to the regular meeting by unanimous vote at 5:19 p.m.
- V. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, Mr. Abney moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.